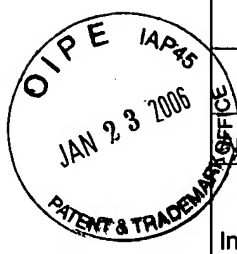


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2005 (Paper No. 20050823), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended, Amendments to the Drawings, Remarks, and Two Sheets of Replacement Drawings (FIGS. 6 and 7).